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Mr. Michel Iskarous  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Ave.  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Re: Clean Up of Possible Contaminates at 9301 Rayo Ave., South Gate, CA  
(The Webb-Rayo Facility)

Dear Mr. Iskarous:

I received a disturbing visit from Mr. Eric Yunker with the EPA on February 26. He indicated to me that I should have received a letter from you, regarding this referenced clean up, and gave me some excerpts from that letter. I purchased this property from The Jervis B. Webb Company in 1997, with the condition that if there were any environmental problems with the property, that Jervis B. Webb would take full responsibility for the clean up.

I have given my full cooperation and assistance with this clean up effort along the way, and it has been my understanding that the clean up of this property had been completed, to the approval of all responsible entities both private and governmental, some years ago and that we were on an environmentally safe property.

I have owned and operated a business, Reliable Steel Building Products, Inc., on this property since it's purchase from Webb in 1997. We at Reliable Steel pride ourselves in running a very clean, safe, and environmentally friendly business, and as an example of this, we received an award from CAL OSHA in April 2006. The only industrial activities we have ever performed on this property are: shearing, bending, punching, drilling, taping, shape cutting and welding of steel. All of these activities occur above ground and none of them involve anything seeping into the ground. We did not cause or contribute in any way to any possible contamination of this property.

I am very interested and desirous of getting any possible contamination of this property cleaned up. I am willing to assist with this problem, to the extent of doing whatever is necessary to insure that my employees are working in a safe environment, and by providing access to this facility, to any and all entities necessary to get this property cleaned up. As far as taking any other financial responsibility for this problem goes, however, I am strongly of the opinion that we are not responsible for causing any of this problem, and that we should not be penalized, for always having done our very best to keep the environment clean and safe.

Reliable Steel is not a large publicly held conglomerate. It is a very small (only eleven employees including myself) privately held company, that has reinvested most of it's meager profits back into the business to better serve it's customers, and to provide an ever and ever safer working place for it's employees. I am the sole owner of this company. I live in a modest house four miles from this facility. I have been driving the same car for over ten years, which now has over 160,000 miles on it. I take a salary of \$23,500.00 per year for managing and operating this business. Neither Reliable Steel or I have the resources to take on a potentially multibillion dollar clean up activity, of a property that we had nothing to do with contaminating or contributing to its contamination in the first place.

I implore you to encourage Jervis B. Webb to live up to their moral and legal responsibly of cleaning up the hazards that they either caused, or turned a blind eye to those who caused, during their ownership.

Please respond to me at your earliest convenience regarding what steps we can take to get this problem remedied.

Very truly yours,

RELIABLE STEEL BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC.



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President

cc: Mr. Eric Yunker  
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